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SUBJ: WCIWY - HEAD OF U.S. DELEGATION

REFS: (1) STATE 127795 (2) USUN 1815 (3) MEXICO 4584

1. WE, AND I AM SURE THE MEXICAN AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS,
ARE GRATIFIED BY THE STELLAR DELEGATION WHICH WILL REPRESENT
THE U.S. AT WCIWY. HOWEVER, I AM CONCERNED AT THE SUGGESTION THAT
WE HAVE CO-HEADS OF THE DELEGATION AND WISH TO POINT OUT
THAT THIS MAY CAUSE PROBLEMS.

2. I PARTICULARLY RECOMMEND THAT OUR DELEGATION BE HEADED
BY A WOMAN AND ON THIS I AM SUPPORTED BY MEMBERS OF MY STAFF
WHO ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE SITUATION. AS I POINTED OUT
IN MY TELEGRAM 4584, I UNDERSTAND THAT MOST OF THE IMPORTANT
COUNTRIES WILL HAVE DELEGATIONS HEADED BY WOMEN. THIS SEEMS
CONFIRMED BY USUN 1722 AND NUMEROUS RESPONSES TO THE DEPART-
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MENT'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON DELEGATIONS.

3. USUN 1815 SUPPORTED OUR RECOMMENDATION THAT OUR DELEGATION
BE HEADED BY A WOMAN. WHILE THE FOREIGN MINISTRY STILL

DOES NOT HAVE A FULL LIST OF DELEGATIONS, OF THOSE RECEIVED
THUS FAR ONLY THE FOLLOWING SEEM TO BE HEADED BY A
MAN: FINLAND, MADAGASCAR, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, SWAZILAND,
BOTSWANA--MOSTLY COUNTRIES THAT ARE RELATIVELY NEW AND
APPARENTLY HAVE NOT YET PRODUCED OUTSTANDING WOMEN
LEADERS.

4. FOREIGN MINISTRY TELLS ME THAT FOLLOWING IS UPDATED
LIST OF SPEAKERS INSCRIBED FOR MORNING OF FRIDAY,
JUNE 20:

1. SIR LANKA, PM S.R.D. BANDARANAIKE
2. IRAN, PRINCESS ASHRAF PAHLEVI
3. PHILIPPINES, MRS. MARCOS, WIFE OF PRESIDENT
4. UK, MINISTER BARBARA CASTLE.
5. EGYPT, MRS. SADAT, WIFE OF THE PRESIDENT
6. AUSTRALIA, ELIZABETH REID
7. JAMAICA, MRS. MANLEY, WIFE OF THE PRIME MINISTER
8. PERU, (POSSIBLY MRS. VELASCO ALVARADO, WIFE OF PRESIDENT).
9. DEMOCRATIC PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF KOREA, SPEAKER STILL UNKNOWN
10. U.S.

WE SHOULD BE AWARE THAT UNLESS THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLES
REPUBLIC OF KOREA NAMES A MAN, THE FIRST MAN INSCRIBED TO
SPEAK IN THE GENERAL DEBATE WOULD BE THE U.S. DELEGATE.

5. WITH THE ABOVE IN MIND, I WISH TO REITERATE MY
RECOMMENDATION THAT THE TITULAR HEAD OF THE USDEL BE A
WOMAN.
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